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Re: SN 10/029,397 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DEPLETING rRNA POPULATIONS" by Murphy et al.  
Our ref: AMBI:076US

Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following for filing in the above-referenced patent application:

- (1) Response to Restriction Requirement Dated April 22, 2003; and
- (2) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Murphy et al.

Serial No.: 10/029,397

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
DEPLETING rRNA POPULATIONS

Group Art Unit: 1634

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
DATED APRIL 22, 2003**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 3, 2003 for which the date for response is May 22, 2003. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

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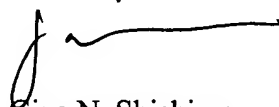
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:17, which is recited in claim 32. Claims 1 and 14 are generic with respect to claim 32. Thus, Applicants reserve the right, should allowable subject

matter be found based on the elected species, to have a search on the broader genus be conducted. Applicants also assume they will be entitled to consideration of additional species should a generic claim be found allowable.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3081 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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